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SUBJECT: ENERGY: DATES OF SOME FORTHCOMING OECD MEETINGS

WE HAVE OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM SECRETARIAT.

A) APRIL 29-30 HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS DATES FOR EXPERTS MEETING ON LONG AND SHORT TERM ENERGY FORECASTS FOR THE OECD AREA.

B) WANSINK AND SEVERAL OECD MEMBERS FAVOR POSTPONEMENT OF OIL COMMITTEE AND HIGH-LEVEL GROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25. FINAL DECISION WILL NOT BE TAKEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS, HOWEVER, PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH FRANCE AND SOME SMALLER MEMBER COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE STRONG OBJECTIONS TO POSTPONEMENT.

C) AT PRESENT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO ADVANCE DATES FOR MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON OIL APPORTIONMENT, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20-21. SECRETARIAT RECENTLY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH WANSINK AND WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF GROUP, BUT CONSENSUS FAVORED LEAVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DATES UNCHANGED IN EVENT OF UNAVAILABILITY OF CHAIRMAN

FOR AN EARLIER SESSION, AND OF PLANS TO ADVANCE WORK IN
INTERIM BY PRODUCING AND CIRCULATING FOR COMMENT REPORTS
ON KEY TOPICS.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON POSTPONEMENT OF
APRIL 25 OIL COMMITTEE AND HIGH-LEVEL GROUP MEETINGS.

(MISSION BELIEVES POSTPONEMENT TO LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE
WOULD BE DESIRABLE. MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED FOR
APRIL 25 PRIMARILY TO RECEIVE INTERIM REPORTS ON WORK
OF AD HOC GROUPS ON OIL APPORTIONMENT, CONSERVATION,
AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF CONVENTIONAL ENERGY
SOURCES. WRITTEN REPORTS ON MEETINGS OF THESE GROUPS
ARE AVAILABLE AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE IS
MUCH SCOPE FOR A USEFUL DISCUSSION IN OIL COMMITTEE AT
THIS STAGE OF THE WORK.)

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